CONCLUSION

In summary, the Applicants believe that the amended claims meet the substantive requirements for patentability and the case is in appropriate condition for allowance. Accordingly, such action is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference will expedite allowance or resolve any further questions, such contact is invited at the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due at this time. However, to the extent any fees are due, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account Number 06-1510. If insufficient funds, please charge to Deposit Account No. 06-1505.

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MARKED UP ABSTRACT

In The Abstract:

Kindly replace the abstract with the following paragraph.

The present invention relates to a metal profile (1) for a vehicle body section. The profile includes side walls (10a, 10b), a base plate (8) and two support walls (2a, 2b). The walls (2a, 2b, 10a, 10b) and a base plate (8) constitute [constituting] a sectional area with at least three hollow sections (6a, 6b, 7). The base plate (8) and support walls (2a, 2b) constitute an internal section (7), of the metal profile with a substantially triangular sectional area. The internal triangular section (7) have [having] substantially three corners (9, 11, 12). The invention also relates to a body section and a vehicle that includes the metal profile.